

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 559

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Joanne and John Deakins on
their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

WHEREAS, once in a great while there comes along a special couple who share a tremendous love and a relationship that stands the tests of time and manages to touch and shape countless lives; and

WHEREAS, Joanne and John Deakins are one such couple, having been married for fifty loving and wonderful years; and

WHEREAS, after their marriage on January 1, 1948, this remarkable couple embarked on their exemplary life together; and

WHEREAS, from their union, three children, Linda, John Jr. and Deborah were born; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated couple has earned the respect and admiration of their fellow citizens through their unyielding spirit and commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, John Deakins has been an active and vital part of his community, serving astutely in numerous public offices, including Sheriff of Washington County, member of the Washington County School Board, Magistrate-at-large, Superintendent of Roads and the Washington County Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished businessman, John Deakins successfully established the John B. Deakins & Son Construction Company; he later founded the Deakins Ready Mix Company; and

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WHEREAS, in 1993, John and his daughter-in-law, Teresa, formed the very successful Deakins Enterprises, from which he retired in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Deakins has also been actively involved in various community activities, including the Community Club at Sulphur Springs, a member of the Sulphur Springs School System Parent Teachers Association and volunteered to do sewing work for the Veterans Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Deakins are the epitome of good neighbors, always ready with a kind word and eager to lend a helping hand to those in need; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years this union has endured to stand as a testament to the power of love and family; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as this are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. John Deakins on the celebration of their 50th Anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for many happy returns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.